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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
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1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

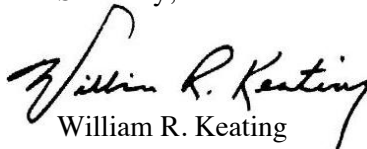
I am requesting \$1,780,000.00 in fiscal year 2023 community project funding for **“Dental Hygiene Education Program Expansion at Cape Cod Community College”** located in West Barnstable, MA. The entity to receive funding is Cape Cod Community College with offices located at 2240 Iyannough Road, West Barnstable, MA 02668.

This project will expand the Dental Hygiene program at Cape Cod Community College within the existing Lab and Classroom spaces. Dental procedures and technologies have been modernized and some x-ray and Dental Materials Lab spaces can be reconfigured to accommodate the newer equipment. A portion of adjacent classroom space will be converted for a new simulation workspace for students to learn their preclinical skills along with more patient treatment and learning experiences. The current budget includes contracting for a Lab Space Configuration consultant, six new dental chairs installed, simulation lab work area, reconfigured storage areas and locker room, and first year staffing cost to build the expanded program. Subsequent years would be self-sustaining. Cape Cod Community College has already applied for equipment to outfit the Dental Assisting Program through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of approximately \$500,000. The remaining request to complete this requested program expansion is \$1,780,000.

This funding is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it supports the only public institution of higher learning on Cape Cod. Additionally, it will make an impact on the wider region by creating additional Dental Hygienists and skilled Dental Assisting support professionals creating career pathways with a sustainable income for our region while also increasing access to dental health for the community.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,


William R. Keating
Member of Congress